

# CHILDREN MEET DEATH WHEN SCHOOL BURNS

## FORT WAYNE WOMAN NOW LEADS RIVAL

Indications Are That Mrs. Clark Fairbank Will be the Next President of Women's Clubs of Indiana.

## COX FACTION FILES A FEW SPECIAL AFFIDAVITS

Mrs. S. C. Stimson is Said to be Part Owner of Tenement House in Red Light District.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 28.—Although the results of today's election will not be announced until tomorrow, indications are that Mrs. Clark Fairbank, of Fort Wayne, would be elected to the presidency of the Indiana Federation of women's clubs in session here over Mrs. L. J. Cox of Terre Haute.

The voting place of the convention was a scene of great activity and hundreds of delegates cast their votes for their favorite candidates. The polls will remain open until a late hour this afternoon.

The election situation is rapidly developing into a crisis. Rumors of disloyalty of a serious nature directed by leaders of both Cox and Fairbank factions to defeat election of opposing candidates were about Thursday morning.

It is said that affidavits are being circulated among delegates tending to prove that Mrs. S. C. Stimson, who has been largely responsible for the anti-Cox sentiment, is part owner of a tenement house in the "red light" district of Terre Haute, that occupants of the house have no means of income except that obtained from rental of rooms for immoral purposes.

Circulated Reports.  
It was Mrs. Stimson who early in the campaign circulated affidavits to establish Mrs. Cox's connection with the liquor interests. Friends of Mrs. Cox secured the counter affidavits in order to counteract the effect of those issued through Mrs. Stimson.

Owing to the number of registrations and resultant confusion, the credentials committee was unable to give a report at the morning session. It is rumored, however, that when the report is given the vote of delegates from the Franchise league, who are solid for Mrs. Cox, is to be challenged on the ground that an attempt is being made to cast a double vote. It is held

## TIME LIMIT NOT TO BE EXTENDED

British Turn Down Request of This Government on Imports Question.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—The British foreign office, through the British embassy here, today notified the state department that the request of this government to extend the time limit for importers to submit proofs that they contracted for goods in Germany prior to March 1, had been refused.

Great Britain had been asked to extend the time from Nov. 1, to Dec. 1. In lieu of this the British foreign office sent word today that it would accept all cases filed with the foreign trade adviser of the state department to Nov. 1 instead of requiring that the proofs be forwarded to London by that time.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister, announced in parliament today that England is ready to submit the recent judgments of the British prize court, confiscating many millions of dollars worth of neutral goods, to international arbitration, if any dispute arises.

SHELL VARNAS.  
ROME, Oct. 28.—Russian warships are again shelling Varna, Bulgaria, according to a dispatch to the Stefana News agency.

## REVENUE AGENTS TO VISIT SOUTH BEND

Reported That Many Are Failing to Display Government License.

Special revenue agents working out of Washington are making investigations in the Sixth revenue district and it has been reported to Revenue Collector Krueger that there are a considerable number of physicians, dentists, druggists and others governed by the Harrison narcotic law as also tobacco dealers who are failing to display their licenses. The agents are now working in Hammond and it is expected that they will be in South Bend soon. The law provides that all who have a special license must display the stamp where it can be seen by the public. Violators are liable to fine of from \$10 to \$1,000 and also imprisonment. It is generally through ignorance of the law that the violation is committed. It is estimated by Collector Krueger that there are at least 1,000 violators of the law in this district.

## HOSPITALITY WAS ABUSED

Joseph Rudik is Friendly to Stranger and Loses \$70.

Joseph Rudik, living on Chapin st., in city court Thursday related the story of how he was relieved of \$70 last Saturday night when he acted as the hospitable host to three strangers at the Hungarian and Washington halls. According to Rudik he met Al and Marie Claus with another man and entertained them during the evening. The man whose name he did not know went home with him Saturday night and disappeared later with \$70. Rudik had Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrested but they denied all knowledge of the theft and Judge Warner declared that the evidence was insufficient for conviction. According to Mrs. Claus their companion was Charles LeMay of Cassopolis, Mich., whom she had met Saturday afternoon for the first time, and who was but slightly known to her husband.

## DEFENDANTS WIN SUIT

Effort to Break Will of Stephen Matthews is Failure.

A finding in favor of the defendants was returned Thursday morning in the will case of Bert M. Matthews vs. Herman Newman. The plaintiffs sought to establish the fact that the devise of the will, Stephen Douglas Matthews, was of unsound mind at the time of the execution of the instrument, and that it therefore should be broken. Property of \$2,000 was involved.

The will case occupied about five days and marked the completion of jury cases in the circuit court for the September term. This is the third case in which a will was involved, the trials following each other in succession.

The remainder of the term will be occupied with court cases. Friday morning issues in the receivership suit of Maria Cassidy against the South Bend Plow Co. will be presented and argued before the court. This case will come up for trial Monday.

## THIEF TAKES OVERCOAT

George Miliken of Warren Township Reports Loss.

More burglarizing of automobiles was reported to the police Wednesday night, adding another name to the long list of victims. George Miliken of Warren township left an overcoat in his automobile, standing in front of the American Trust Co., and when he returned 25 minutes later the coat was missing. The thieves appear to be becoming bolder as there have been a number of reports of valuables taken from automobiles standing on the principal streets during the past few weeks.

## GETS PRISON SENTENCE

Youth Arrested Here Found Guilty of Stealing Car.

Information has been received by Chief Kuespert of the detective force that Melvin Brownell, the young man caught by the local police officer several weeks ago after having stolen an automobile belonging to Alfred C. Mechenberg, has been sentenced one to 14 years in the Indiana state reformatory. Brownell was taken to Fort Wayne where he had stolen another automobile and convicted in the court there.

## AD MEN DINE TONIGHT

Mac Martin Will Deliver Principal Address at Meeting.

Members of the Ad-Sell league will banquet at the Oliver hotel tonight, the principal feature of the program being an address by Mac Martin, an advertising expert of Minneapolis, who will discuss the reorganization of all advertising agencies of Minneapolis, who will discuss the reorganization of all advertising agencies of Minneapolis, who will discuss the reorganization of all advertising agencies of Minneapolis.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

James Madison Tompkins, Mishawaka; Emma Studer, Mishawaka. John F. Klatt, rubber cutter, Mishawaka; Lulu Willard, Mishawaka. Andrew J. Wicker, core maker; Mairida G. Fosdick. Joshua Harris Wilkins, retired, Monrovia, Cal.; M. May Dietrich, stenographer. Felix Sanokzyk, timer; Antonia Powicki, seamstress.

## BULGARS ARE DRIVEN FROM SERBIAN CITY

Uskub is Recaptured, According to Dispatches From Athens—Is Important Railway Center.

## TEUTONS SMASH WAY TO FRESH VICTORIES

Greece is Now Between Two Fires—Bulgaria Threatens Invasion in Pursuit of Enemy.

BUDAPEST, Oct. 28.—The Hungarian newspaper, Vilag, states that Greece has demanded the withdrawal of Anglo-French troops from Greek soil. England and France have been informed that Greek troops will intern the allied soldiers unless they are re-embarked without delay.

SALONIKA, Greece, Oct. 28.—French troops have occupied Radovitz and Krivolac in Serbia and Strumitza in Bulgaria. They are advancing toward Istib. The Bulgarians are falling back.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The Serbian fortress of Pirot has been captured by the Bulgarians, according to the Mail. Pirot guards the Sofia-Nish railway and is the strongest fortress in Serbia. A Central News dispatch from Salonika reports that a whole regiment of Bulgarian troops surrendered to the Serbians in the Timok valley.

ATHENS, Oct. 28.—The Serbians have driven the Bulgarians out of Nsuk, reoccupying the town, according to information from Salonika today. Uskub is one of the most important railway towns in Serbia, lying at the junction of the Salonika-Nish and Mitrovica lines.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—A Central News dispatch from Zurich says that 70,000 Turkish soldiers have arrived at the Bulgarian port of Dedeagatch.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—Austro-German and Bulgarian forces in northern Serbia have smashed their way to fresh victories but news from southern Serbia is more hopeful for the allies. The Bulgarians are reported to have been driven out of the important railway town of Uskub, but in the north the Serbs are slowly falling back upon their mountain strongholds before the advance of the Teutons.

British troops have at last reached Serbia soil and are taking part in the fierce fighting along the Salonika-Nish railway. It was reported from Salonika that the junction of the Austro-German and Bulgarian armies in northeastern Serbia gives the Teutonic allies a semi-circular battle line nearly 300 miles long, from the Drina river to a point near Strumitza.

Following the capture of Knjaevatz and the storming of Drenovarlava the Bulgarians have advanced upon Pirot in force and the fortress is reported to be surrounded. It guards the Sofia-Nish railway.

It is reported from Bucharest that war demonstrations are taking place there. Deputy Iliesco, of the Roumanian chamber, has published a violent broadside against Premier Bratianu of Roumania, threatening him with death if Roumania does not go to war in behalf of Serbia.

Greece is now between two fires. The Bulgarian government has sent word to Athens that if the Anglo-French and Serb forces in southern Serbia are driven over the frontier into Greece the Bulgarians will not respect Greek neutrality but will pursue the allied forces.

LAND TROOPS.  
LONDON, Oct. 28.—A Central News dispatch from Vienna by way of Amsterdam quotes the Frankfurter Zeitung as saying that the French have landed 150,000 troops and 100 guns at Salonika.

## BRITISH WARSHIP IS ASHORE; TOTAL LOSS

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The British warship Argyle, 10,880 tons, has gone ashore on the east coast of Scotland during a gale. Official announcement of the accident was made by the admiralty today. All the members of the crew were saved. It is feared the warship may be a total loss.

## SINK SHIP.

ATHENS, Oct. 28.—An Austrian merchant ship flying the Turkish flag was sunk by an allied submarine today while on her way to the Gallipoli peninsula with provisions and ammunition for the Turks.

## Premier of France Quits; New Cabinet to Be Formed

PARIS, Oct. 28.—Premier Rene Viviani of France, resigned today and his resignation was followed by the collapse of the entire cabinet. Aristide Briand, a socialist, was offered the premiership by Pres't Poincare and immediately took steps to form a new ministry. The resignation of Premier Viviani is attributed to the Balkan crisis. His was the second retirement from the cabinet for the same reason, the first being that of Foreign Minister Theophile Delcasse, who resigned on Oct. 14.

M. Briand offered the portfolio of minister of war to Gen. Gallieni, military governor of Paris.

Deputy Paul Painlevé, president of the marine committee of the chamber of deputies, M. De Fricinet, Leon Bourgeois and Emile Combes were summoned by M. Briand and offered places in the new government.

M. Combes, who was formerly premier of France, accepted a place in the government, but he will be without any definite portfolio.

The post of minister of marine was offered to M. Lacaze.

According to official circles M. Viviani resigned rather than reorganize the government.

M. Ribot, minister of finance, will probably be retained in that office in the next cabinet.

Jules Cambon, formerly in the



René Viviani

French diplomatic service, has been offered the post of general secretary. If M. Briand is able to form a new government he will himself assume the portfolio of foreign minister.

## DIRECTORS HIT BY COURT'S RULING

Will Permit All Evidence Relating to Deals in Electric Lines.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Judge Hunt in the United States district court today dealt a severe blow to the New Haven defendants when he declared that the court would let in all evidence concerning the New Haven's dabbling in electric lines in New England, whether they were interstate lines or not.

The ruling came when the defense objected to a letter read by the government concerning the acquisition by the New Haven of a 40-mile strip of trolley line running from Meriden to Naugatuck in Connecticut to shut off competition from a proposed electric line paralleling the New Haven.

The letter tended to show how the New Haven directors left no stone unturned to choke off all electric as well as rail and water competition in New England.

Today the government entered into the third stage of the New Haven's expansion period, under Charles S. Mellen, its swallowing up of trolley lines. Already the prosecution has shown how the New Haven gobbled up trolley lines, and transportation facilities of New England.

The prosecution proved conclusively today that the New Haven directors financially aided the Goldsmith suit against the New York and New England that brought that road to the New Haven in receivership and enabled the New Haven to acquire its bonds and stock.

The government next read a series of letters from Vice Pres't Hall to Charles R. Brayton, the "blind boss" of Rhode Island, in which Hall said the New Haven wanted "killed off" a bill in the legislature against trolley lines paralleling steam railroads.

"We want no more such measures if they cannot be helped," wrote Hall to Brayton.

The bill was amended to provide that no electric line should parallel a steam line "unless the public welfare demanded it."

## SEARCH TURNS INLAND

German Officers Are Sought by Secret Service Agents.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—The search for the five German officers who escaped from the interned cruisers at Norfolk, Va., today turned inland, it was learned at the department of justice.

Information has been received that the German officers fled to an inland city to hide until the furor over their escape subsided, when they will attempt to return to Germany. Agents of the department of justice are searching in St. Louis, Cincinnati, Milwaukee and other German centers.

## TURKS CLAIM VICTORIES

Successes on Two Fronts Announced by War Office.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 28.—(By wireless, via Berlin.)—Victories for the Turks on two fronts were announced by the war office today in the following official notice:

"In the sector of Ad Burnu (Gallipoli peninsula) our artillery dispersed supply columns of the allies. On the Trans-Caucasian front we forced the Russian right wing to retreat."

## GERMANY BROUGHT INTO SHIP PLOT

Secret Service Agents, It is Alleged, Advised Members of Gang.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—A new confession by Robert Fay, ringleader in the German plot to blow up ammunition ships at sea, involves the secret service department of the imperial German government so seriously that it may lead to a diplomatic controversy similar to that resulting from the German submarine warfare.

According to Fay the conspiracy to cripple American plants which have been making war supplies for the allies and to blow up ships was hatched by the advice of the German secret service.

Information contained in Fay's latest confession has been turned over to the United States attorney general by the department of justice.

It is said that only the names of the five men now under arrest—Fay, Walter Scholz, Paul Selbs, Dr. Herbert Kienle and Max Breitung—will be presented to a federal grand jury when indictments charging conspiracy are demanded, although efforts are being made to obtain the names of wealthy German-Americans who are supposed to have contributed to the \$30,000 conspiracy fund.

Asst. U. S. Dist. Atty. Knox declared he was confident that rich and powerful Germans are involved.

U. S. Atty. Marshall declared that more arrests may be made.

## ADVANCES FOR TEUTONS

Berlin Reports Successes in Various War Zones.

BERLIN, Oct. 28.—(By wireless, via Sayville.)—Advances for both the Austro-German and Bulgarian forces in northern Serbia are announced by the German war office today.

Bulgarian troops have occupied Zatchar, on the Timok river, 45 miles northeast of Nish.

Since Monday the armies of Gen. von Gallwitz and Gen. Koevess have captured 2,033 Serbians.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army in the eastern theater of war, has repulsed strong Russian attacks. Gen. Linsingen's Austro-German army west of the Styria river, has occupied Rudka west of Tcharoturuk.

## WERE FATAL

VALPARAISO, Ind., Oct. 28.—Miss Louisa Hawbrook, 67 years old, fell dead near here last night after eating three dishes of blackberries.

## NO PROTEST WILL BE SENT GREAT BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—The United States will take no action on the complaint of Germany that the officers and crew of the British patrol boat Baralong "murdered in cold blood" the crew of a German submarine which had taken refuge on the British mule transport Nicolson.

It was explained at the state department today that, although affidavits filed by the German consul general at New Orleans through the German embassy, alleged that the Baralong flew the United States flag until it came within gunshot of the submarine, the fact that the stars and stripes were hoisted down and the British ensign substituted before a shot was fired, eliminated the charge of misuse of the American flag, and so far as the charges that the submarine crew was slain are concerned, it was said that this was entirely a matter between Great Britain and Germany.

## BOYS AND GIRLS CAUGHT IN BUILDING IN BLAZE OF MYSTERIOUS ORIGIN

Nineteen Dead, Five Injured and Nine Missing is Toll of Blaze That Destroyed Peabody, Mass. Building.

## LITTLE VICTIMS MAY NEVER BE IDENTIFIED

Sisters Stick to Their Posts, But Rapidity of Flames Holds Many Students Prisoners.

PEABODY, Mass., Oct. 28.—While hundreds of little boys and girls were at their morning prayers in St. John's parochial school here today, a fire started in the basement and spread throughout the first floor with such rapidity that within 15 minutes all escape by the doors and windows of the first floor was completely cut off. So far as the result of the fire can thus be stated, they are:

Nineteen known dead.

Five known injured (two near death).

Nine known missing.

The school destroyed.

The loss (police estimate) \$150,000.

The known dead are all little children, their bodies ranged in a pitiful row at the Conway undertaking establishment.

The cause of the fire cannot be stated. It is a mystery; and there was in the strange rapidity with which it spread something unexplained.

The state police began an immediate investigation.

That the fire was started by a boiler explosion was the first version; the second was that the fire started near the boiler and caused an explosion which spread the fire throughout the building.

Both Theories Blasted.

Later investigation blasted both theories. Both the state boiler inspector and the head of the school said there was no explosion of the boiler, while the factor stated that the fires were banked and there was little or no steam in the heating apparatus.

Many neighbors said they heard no explosion. Others said they heard one.

Concerning those children which were left alive many will never be positively identified. The fire, passing over, left each a mere indistinguishable little form.

That there are others dead is considered certain. Father Murphy said in the rear of the school when the explosion occurred, I had left the fire under the boiler banked and I am positive everything about it was all right. There was hardly any steam up in the boiler, I cannot understand how an explosion occurred. I had never noticed anything out of the way wrong with the boiler. I had been running it for about two weeks this fall.

The fire was no outside fire escapes on the school, it was started by a police officer, and he added that the stairways were made of wood.

The fire started at 9 o'clock exactly.

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## Girl Gives Story Of School Fire

To show how swiftly the fire spread, the story of Elizabeth Brannigan, a 10-year-old girl who was a member of the third class in the high school, is illuminating:

"We were at our half hourly devotions in our room on the third floor," she said, "when the fire signal started. I suppose the signal was merely for a test drill such as were frequently given."

"We rose and marched steadily out of the room into the hallway. The hall was filled with smoke and hot air that burned so near us we could hardly bear it. The heat was terrible. We were on the third floor. We went down stairs as fast as we could. But we could not get out of the door. There was no door we could get out of. We ran into the school rooms, threw up the windows and jumped out."

in Peabody; and when accommodations there were exhausted, to other institutions in adjoining towns and cities.

Of the 15 sisters of Notre Dame, who served as teachers in the school, they were believed to have been saved; but one was taken to the hospital in a serious condition.

In the case of many of those taken to the hospital, the physicians said that death was sure.

Sister Algonquin was rescued from the building by several men. Her face was badly scratched by the hands of frenzied children she had passed out of the first story windows. Her vest was burned away.

Hangs to Window Sill.

Assessor David A. Barry told this story:

"I was with several men who saw a boy hanging to the window sill on the second floor. Flames were sweeping out of the window and licking at his hands. Behind him, through the smoke we could see the forms of half a dozen other boys and girls."

"Finally a great rush of flames swept out of the window and the boy jumped out. We had repeatedly called on him to leap, but he had evidently been paralyzed by fear. We spread out a coat for him to jump into. He hit the coat with such force that it was torn apart and he struck the ground, severely spraining his wrist. The boy was Henry Armstrong, 11 years old."

John Doherty, janitor of the building who ran the boiler, said:

"I had just stepped out of the barn in the rear of the school when the explosion occurred. I had left the fire under the boiler banked and I am positive everything about it was all right. There was hardly any steam up in the boiler, I cannot understand how an explosion occurred. I had never noticed anything out of the way wrong with the boiler. I had been running it for about two weeks this fall."

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## ASKS WILSON TO PREVENT RAIDS

Texas Governor Wants Assurances That Carranza Will Control Men.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Gov. Ferguson of Texas today appealed to Pres't Wilson by wire to bring all possible pressure to bear on Gen. Carranza to stop the raids along the Texas border.

Sec'y Tumulty earlier today announced that Ferguson had appealed for more troops. This afternoon they said that report was wrong and that at the Texas governor was waiting for the president to get assurances from Carranza that he would stop the raids from the Mexican side.

## ATTACK RANCHERS.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 28.—Five Mexican bandits last night attacked the ranch of H. B. Shore, east of Paris, Texas, and seriously wounded an American cowboy who was defending the property.

An hour later the Mexicans were captured by a troop of American cavalry. No details have been received.

## EL PASO, TEXAS, Oct. 28.—Five

thousand Mexican troops began to en-train Wednesday night at Piedras Ne-gras for their trip through the United States to Agua Prieta, Sonora. The first train load is expected to pass through here Thursday night. American infantry will be assigned to escort the troop trains to their destination.